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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES OPERATED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The functions, powers, duties
4 and personnel of the Bureau of Prevention, Early Intervention and
5 Community Relations of the Department of Children and Families, or
6 any subsequent bureau or portion of a bureau or division with similar
7 functions, powers, personnel and duties to the bureau as constituted
8 on January 1, 2006, shall be transferred to the Children's Trust Fund
9 Council established in section 17a-50 of the general statutes, as
10 amended by this act, pursuant to sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39 of the
11 general statutes.

12 Sec. 502. Section 17a-50 of the 2006 supplement to the general
13 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

14 (Effective July 1, 2007):

15 (a) There is established a Children's Trust Fund, the resources of
16 which shall be used by the council established pursuant to subsection
17 (b) of this section to fund programs aimed at preventing child abuse
18 and neglect and family resource programs. Said fund is intended to be
19 in addition to those resources that would otherwise be appropriated
20 by the state for programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect
21 and family resource programs. The Children's Trust Fund Council may
22 apply for and accept any federal funds which are available for a
23 Children's Trust Fund and shall administer such funds in the manner
24 required by federal law. The fund shall receive money from grants and
25 gifts made pursuant to section 17a-18. The Children's Trust Fund
26 Council shall adopt regulations, in accordance with [the provisions of]
27 chapter 54, to administer the fund and to set eligibility requirements
28 for programs seeking funding. Youth service bureaus may receive
29 funds from the Children's Trust Fund. The Parent Trust Fund,
30 established pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of this section, may receive
31 funds directed to it through the Children's Trust Fund.

32 (b) There shall be established, within existing resources, a Children's
33 Trust Fund Council which shall be within the Department of Children
34 and Families for administrative purposes only. The council shall be
35 composed of sixteen members as follows: (1) The Commissioners of
36 Social Services, Education, Children and Families and Public Health, or
37 their designees; (2) a representative of the business community with
38 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the president pro tempore of
39 the Senate; (3) a representative of the business community with
40 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the speaker of the House of
41 Representatives; (4) a representative of the business community with
42 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority leader of the
43 House of Representatives; (5) a representative of the business
44 community with experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority
45 leader of the Senate; (6) a parent, appointed by the majority leader of
46 the House of Representatives; (7) a parent, appointed by the majority
47 leader of the Senate; (8) a parent, appointed by the president pro

48 tempore of the Senate; (9) a person with expertise in child abuse
49 prevention, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
50 (10) a person with expertise in child abuse prevention, appointed by
51 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (11) a staff
52 member of a child abuse prevention program, appointed by the
53 minority leader of the Senate; (12) a staff member of a child abuse
54 prevention program, appointed by the majority leader of the House of
55 Representatives; and (13) a pediatrician, appointed by the majority
56 leader of the Senate. The council shall solicit and accept funds, on
57 behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the prevention of
58 child abuse and neglect and family resource programs, or on behalf of
59 the Parent Trust Fund, to be used for parent community involvement
60 to improve the health, safety and education of children, and shall make
61 grants to programs pursuant to subsections (a) and [(c)] (d) of this
62 section. The council may, subject to the provisions of chapter 67,
63 employ an executive director and any necessary staff within available
64 appropriations.

65 (c) On and after July 1, 2007, the council shall constitute a successor
66 agency to the Department of Children and Families, in accordance
67 with sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39, with respect to the functions,
68 powers, duties and personnel of the Bureau of Prevention, Early
69 Intervention and Community Relations as of January 1, 2006. Any
70 order or regulation of the Department of Children and Families which
71 is in force on July 1, 2007, shall continue in force and effect as an order
72 or regulation of the council until amended, repealed or superseded
73 pursuant to law.

74 [(c)] (d) There is established a Parent Trust Fund which shall be
75 used to fund programs aimed at improving the health, safety and
76 education of children by training parents in civic leadership skills and
77 supporting increased, sustained, quality parental engagement in
78 community affairs. The fund shall receive federal or private money
79 from grants and gifts made pursuant to section 17a-18.

80 [(d)] (e) On or before July 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, the

81 Children's Trust Fund Council shall report to the joint standing
82 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
83 relating to human services, public health and education concerning the
84 source and amount of funds received by the Children's Trust Fund and
85 the Parent Trust Fund, and the manner in which such funds were
86 administered and disbursed.

87 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) The Legislative Program Review and
88 Investigations Committee shall conduct a study to identify the
89 responsibilities of the Bureau of Prevention, Early Intervention and
90 Community Relations within the Department of Children and Families
91 and the corresponding provisions of the general statutes. The
92 committee shall also identify other functions of the Department of
93 Children and Families that relate to prevention of child abuse and
94 neglect for children and families where the child is not committed to
95 the care or custody of the department or has not been the subject of a
96 referral to the department. The committee shall submit a report on its
97 findings and recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly not
98 later than January 1, 2007. The report shall be submitted in accordance
99 with section 11-4a of the general statutes."